Development of Himavad Gopalaswamy Hills in Karnataka

1489. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Government of Karnataka has sent any -proposal to develop Himavad Gopalaswamy Hills in Chamarajanagar District, Karnataka, as a tourist centre;

(b) if so, the amount of Central assistance sought for; and

(c) whether Government will take steps to develop it as a tourist centre since the Himavad Gopalaswamy Hills is a very good tourist spot?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURIST (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Development of tourism infrastructure in the country is a continuous process. The Ministry of Tourism in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administration identifies places of tourist interest/ spots and provides funds on the basis of project proposals prioritized for the following schemes every year:

(a) Product Infrastructure and Destination Development

(2) Integrated development of Tourism Circuits

(3) Assistance for Large Revenue Generating projects

However, on receipt of the proposal complete in all respects, they are appraised for assistance keeping in view inter-se-priorities among projects, and availability of funds under the respective head.

Expansion of Tourism in Punjab

1490. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a considerable scope for expansion of tourism industry in Punjab;

(b) whether Centre has conducted any survey to explore the tourism in Punjab;